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In addition to a complete line of High-class French Novelties, are showing a full assortment of Drap d'Ete, Scotch and English Cheviots and other plain fabrics.

To-morrow, Monday, rear of Rotunda, 4,500 yards of FRENCH BOUCLE, plain and fancy, 46 inches wide,

**52c. and 65c. yard.**  
Regular value \$1.00 and 1.10.

18th St., 19th St. and Sixth Ave.

**TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.**

**REPUBLICAN RAILROAD MEN GIVE THE LIE TO BRYAN-JAPANESE STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES—DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHINESE LABORERS.**

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—The Republicans of California propose to make the remaining days before election noteworthy for active work in all parts of the State. All the best speakers will be in the field, and Speaker Reed is expected to come up through the State from the South. Congressman Boutelle has made a good impression wherever he has spoken. Measures are being taken to hold a great daylight Republican parade next Saturday afternoon to emphasize the business men's and manufacturers' desire for good government, sound money and prosperity. Members of the largest commercial and manufacturing houses in the city have warmly approved the plan, and if it is adopted, the procession promises to be noteworthy in numbers and character of the men in line. The biggest meeting of the campaign was held here this week under the auspices of the Railway Employees' Republican Club, which is the largest political organization west of the Mississippi, numbering over 1,700 members. Democratic papers have asserted that the railroad men were McKinley badges and joined McKinley clubs in order to keep their places; so this big club determined to give practical proof that these assertions were falsehoods. Its members arranged for a great meeting at the Auditorium, turned out in full and showed by their appreciation of the speech of General Barnes that their political opinions were their own. The suggestion of Bryan that employees wear McKinley badges and then vote for him is not taken kindly here, where fifteen years ago a successful effort was made to protect the voter from the espionage of any business or political associates.

The Chamber of Commerce this week adopted a memorial to Congress setting forth "the necessity for protective attention on behalf of our ocean mail steamships serving under the National ensign." This memorial was called out by the threatened competition of heavily subsidized Japanese steamship lines. The new law in Japan is so liberal that a fifteen-knot ship will receive about \$31,000 for the round trip between Yokohama and San Francisco. Two new lines will soon be in operation between Japan and this coast, and unless the United States does something to meet the competition, one or both of the regular Chinese lines must fail. The Chamber does not favor granting a subsidy to the Pacific Mail, because it would simply be used to pay dividends, but it recommends aid to the Oceanic Steamship Company and to northern lines owned by Americans.

A few years ago seven exiles from Siberia were picked up at sea in a terrible condition in an open boat and were brought to San Francisco. They told a woe tale of banishment to Baghalan Island for political offences, and so wrought upon the sympathies of the charitable that they received clothing and money and were provided with work. Word came from Russia that they were common malefactors who would have been hanged in this country, as most of them were guilty of murder. Such they began to appear in the courts and were sent to jail and State Prison for various offences. One named Kovalev committed an atrocious double murder in Sacramento and was sentenced to life. This week the last of the exiles was sent to California several thousand dollars, and have given the charitable some insight into Russian criminal characters.

Julia Marlowe Taber and her company received a cordial welcome at the Baldwin, but the houses have not kept up to the promise of the night. There is nothing noteworthy at the other theatres.

One of the features of California life which is not often noticed in print is the large decrease of the Chinese laboring population of the State. San Francisco's Chinese have fallen off almost one half during the last three years. The State Labor Commissioner has finished his investigation of the Chinese in California, and he finds that the decrease is most marked in the factories. The overall figures are a few years ago employed nearly 5,000 Coolies. Now they have only 1,050. In shoe factories, where formerly from 100 to 300 Chinese were employed, now only a few are engaged. This great falling off is due partly to their preference for engaging in business for themselves, such as laundry work, vegetable growing and fruit raising.

The crowded condition of the University of California has compelled the erection of tents on the campus at Berkeley to serve as quarters for luncheon and study. It was planned at first to have some excursions held in these tents, but this scheme was abandoned. This week a large tent, thirty by sixty feet, was put up for the accommodation of the women, and two more tents will be provided for the male students. The climate is so mild here that with a board floor and a stove a tent may be made comfortable, even in midwinter. When the three tents are up, the campus at Berkeley will have the look of a camp-meeting.

The overland fruit exports from Northern and Central California for the first nine months of this year show a marked falling off from last year. This decline is as follows: Ripe fruit, 9,000 tons; dried fruit, 8,000 tons; raisins, 5,000 tons; canned goods, 2,000 tons.

Nearly \$4,500,000 worth of English sovereigns have been received here from Australia within a month, and it is estimated that before this wheat crop is all shipped, the amount will be increased \$10,000,000. Most of this is to pay for wheat bills.

**TWO VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTIONS.**

The New York Balance Dock Company, of No. 41 Wall-st., and Brooklyn, has applied to the Supreme Court for the voluntary dissolution of the corporation, through Willard P. Shaw, president and treasurer; Frank W. Hamer, secretary, and Leonard G. Vail and Samuel W. Balch, directors. It is one of the oldest corporations in this line, having been formed in August, 1852, with a capital stock of \$200,000. The late Samuel J. Tilden was president of the company for twenty years. The company has sold its drydock and other property, and has not transacted any active business since June, 1895. There are no liabilities. The assets consist of cash, \$10,000, and dividends not claimed, \$1,885. Judge MacLean set down the order to show cause for February 1, 1897.

The National Electrical Exposition Company, of No. 128 Liberty-st., through its directors, George F. Porter, Edward F. Peck and others, has applied to the Supreme Court for the voluntary dissolution of the company, and Judge MacLean has set down the order to show cause for February 1, 1897.

**OFFER MONDAY****HIGH GRADE LACE CURTAINS,**

as follows:

**RENAISSANCE LACE,**

\$19.50, formerly \$29.00 pair  
25.00, " 42.50 "  
35.00, " 50.00 "

**POINT ARABE LACE,**

\$37.50, formerly \$50.00 pair  
45.00, " 62.50 "

Also a very extensive assortment of Lace Bed Sets, Real Laces for Sash and Vestibule Curtains. Estimates and designs submitted for special lace work at moderate prices.

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The company was incorporated on November 23, 1885, with a capital stock of \$100,000, which \$2,000 was paid in, for the purpose of keeping for a short period an electrical exposition or display. The object has been accomplished, and there is no longer any necessity for continuing its corporate life. The enterprise was financially successful, the company is entirely solvent, has a surplus in the treasury and no creditors. The assets consist of cash, \$54, and accounts receivable, \$37.

**FALL SOJOURNERS AT LENOX.****ENTERTAINMENTS OF THE WEEK—ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF PROMINENT PEOPLE.**

Lenox, Mass., Oct. 24 (Special).—Mr. and Mrs. George G. Haven, who have been in Europe for some time, returned to Lenox on Friday, and are at Sunny Croft. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes gave a large "welcome-home" dinner for them Friday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. John Sloane, Miss Frelinghuysen, Miss Furness, Miss Clementina Furness and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Rogers and their family, who have been spending the last month here, returned to town on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Kernochan and Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Kernochan's mother, have arrived, and are at the Curtis House. They will remain here until sometime in November. Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Jesup, who have been spending the week in New York, returned on Friday. They will keep Belvoir Terrace open for about a month yet.

Senor De Lome and his family closed the Racketman cottage on Thursday and returned to Washington. They are the last of the Diplomatic Corps to leave Lenox. Among others who have gone this week are Grant Walker and his family, Dr. F. P. Kinnicut and the Henry Marquand family. Chauncey M. Depew came up in his private car and spent Sunday at Elm Court with William D. Sloane, returned to New York on Tuesday.

Thatcher Adams gave a whist party Tuesday evening. Among his guests were John S. Barnes, Joseph W. Burden, Howard Robbins, William C. Schermerhorn and John I. Kane. J. J. Van Allen has had a houseful of guests this week. Harry Melville, who has been his guest since he came here, went to New York on Wednesday, and will soon sail for England. Dr. and Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, have been the guests of Mrs. William Biddle this week. Miss Frelinghuysen gave a reception for Mrs. Robert Oliver and the Misses Oliver Friday afternoon. Mrs. Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, is the guest of George H. Morgan this week at Ventfort Hall. Miss Mary Turnure is the guest of Mrs. G. H. Morgan.

Miss David W. Bishop gave a ladies' luncheon on Wednesday for Mrs. John Murnigh, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ambrose Kingsland, at her cottage, Village View. Mrs. Kingsland has a large house party this week. Miss Mary Tappan gave a ladies' luncheon Friday for Mrs. William D. Sloane. Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman Hoyt are the guests of Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes at Shadow Brook, who has a number of other guests and will keep her country place open about two weeks longer.

**FOREIGN THEATRICAL NOTES.**

The Duc d'Orleans, Bourbon pretender to the throne of France, who never misses a chance to place his name before the French public, has just subscribed 25,000 francs to aid in the production of a religious play called "Le Mystere de Jeanne d'Arc," the work of a French priest. The piece, whose dramatic personae are to be peasants, will be presented in a village near Domremy, the birthplace of Jeanne. It is hoped that its success will be such as to allow it to be played every year at the harvest season, and that it will, in time, attract great crowds of tourists, and rescue Domremy from respectable oblivion, as "The Passion Play" has rescued Oberammergau.

Octave Feuillet's "Montjoye" will be produced at the Comedie Francaise next week. This is the play that was translated and transcribed and adapted for the English and American stage by Sidney Grundy, who named the piece "A Bunch of Violets." "Montjoye" has been rearranged by Mme. Feuillet, the widow of the author, and rehearsals are going on at the Comedie under her personal direction.

The pseudonym of "F. Allen Arthur," which is said to conceal the identity of a woman well known in New York society, is now seen in the news notes of the London dramatic journals, where it is announced that the author has become a dramatist, and in collaboration with Henry Byatt, of London, has written a four-act play called "The Scap Goat." "F. Allen Arthur" sails for New York next Tuesday, accompanied by "The Scap Goat," which she will permit metropolitan managers to look over.

The "Figaro" prints the following notice: "Mme. Jane May, who has just returned from America, is now leaving Paris for a tour of the provinces, Switzerland and Belgium. She is accompanied by M. M. F. de la Roche, Théophile Hugue, and Goussau and Mmes. Chabois, Torelli and Berard."

Wilson Barrett's novel, based on his play "The Sign of the Cross," and to be known by that name, will be published in December.

**LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.**

The schedules of the Hastings Card and Paper Company, of No. 28 Beekman-st., show liabilities of \$7,911; nominal assets, \$4,322; actual assets, \$4,093. The assets consist of merchandise, nominal, \$5,764; actual, \$25,720; accounts receivable, nominal, \$28,568; actual, \$13,257. The principal creditors are paper manufacturers at Springfield, Holyoke, East Pepperell and South Hadley Falls, Mass.

The schedules of Frederick G. Van Vleet, maltster at No. 402 Produce Exchange Building, show liabilities, \$12,190; nominal assets, \$40,000; actual assets, none. His nominal assets consist of \$40,000 stock in the Springfield Brewing Company, of Springfield, Mass., which is in the hands of a receiver, with liabilities of \$200,000 and assets chiefly in plant of about the same amount. A committee of creditors, with the co-operation of the receiver, has negotiated the sale of the brewing property and assets for a sum equal to the indebtedness of the company, leaving nothing whatever to be applied on the stock held by Mr. Van Vleet. He has only three creditors, his wife being the largest for \$12,000. The Sheriff yesterday received two more executions against Remington Verran, lawyer and real estate operator, who has been in Ludlow Street Jail for several days, both in favor of Beinecke & Co., aggregating \$3,750.

The Sheriff has taken charge of the place of business of Blumberg & Glass, wholesale dealers in cashmere, at No. 6 Bond-st., on an execution for \$2,022 in favor of N. Huickoff, the firm and its business since September, 1895, and alleged that it has capital of \$100,000. Huickoff, said he had been informed that the liabilities were from \$20,000 to \$25,000, and the stock on hand less than \$1,000. William Gregory yesterday confessed judgment for \$21,570 in favor of Genevieve M. Gregory for money lent to him in 1893 and 1895.

We are now selling reliable goods only, lower than any house in this country. Our stocks are in daily evidence to prove it. We guarantee every price. If in a day, a week, or month later the same article is offered you lower elsewhere, you need only make your claim on us, and it will be cheerfully allowed.

**JACKETS and CAPES,**  
New and Stylish, at Quick Sale Prices.

\$5.25 instead of \$7.25:

100 Ladies' Jackets, Rough Cheviot or Beaver Cloth, wide military front, with buttons, rolling collar, half silk lined.

\$8.25 instead of \$11.50:

75 Jackets in English Curl Cloth, shield front, lined throughout with black silk.

\$9.50 instead of \$13.25:

150 Jackets in Black Cheviot, lined with handsome quality Dresden Silk or black Rhadames, shield front, rolling collar.

\$13.50 instead of \$17.50:

100 Jackets in fine English Kersey Cloth, shield front, rolling collar, lined with colored Taffeta Silk.

\$18.75 instead of \$22.50:

50 Jackets, finest quality Rough English Boucle Cloth, handsomely made and lined with fine quality fancy Silk.

Capes, \$4.90 instead of \$6.25:

English Kersey Cloth Capes, 24 inches long, full sweep, fine tailor finish.

\$6.90 instead of \$8.25:

Beaver Cloth Capes, 30 inches long, full sweep, rolling collar, tailor finish. Also a large variety of styles in Plush and Velour Capes, all lengths and sweeps, some fur trimmed, others with jet or braids, in five lots at \$5.90, \$6.50, \$10.50, \$12.25 and \$18.50, instead of \$7.25 to \$25.00.

Misses' Jackets and Children's Reefers,

More than 40 per cent. less than regular prices.

350 garments, all new and desirable in every particular, in the Kersey, Boucles and English mixtures, many different styles, some handsomely braided or fur trimmed, others lined or silk faced. REEFERS, 4 to 14 years, in four lots, at \$3.50, \$5.50, \$6.75 and \$9.25, really worth from \$6.00 to \$15.00. Jackets, 14, 16 and 18 years, in five lots, at \$5.25, \$8.50, \$11.25, \$13.50 to \$18.75; really worth from \$7.50 to \$28.00.

**Dress Goods.**

50 cts. Quality for 43 cts.:

35-inch Silk and Wool Poplin Plaids, in the most desirable styles.

\$1.00 Quality for 75 cts.:

35-inch French Novelty Suitings, dark, rich colorings.

\$1.25 Quality for 89 cts.:

35-inch Silk and Wool Novelty Suitings, new combinations, very stylish.

\$1.00 Quality for 79 cts.:

42-inch all wool Cheviots, Scotch effects. Also a full line of French Broadcloths, in all the most desirable shades, 98 cts. to \$2.50 per yard.

**Black Silks.**

Four Exceedingly Good Offers.

20-inch Black Satin Rhadames, 59 cts., instead of 70 cts.  
24-inch Black Satin Rhadames, 69 cts., instead of \$1.00.  
20-inch Black Satin Duchesse, 59 cts., instead of 70 cts.  
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**Silk Umbrellas,**

\$1.99 instead of \$3.00:

200 26-inch pure Twilled Silk Umbrellas, steel rod, Paris frame, natural wood handle, lined with sterling silver, case and tassel, for men and women.

**Ladies' Kid Gloves.**

Equal Values Are Not To Be Found Elsewhere.

Ladies' 4-button Kid Gloves, tans, new reds and black, 98 cts., equal to any \$1.25 Gloves sold elsewhere.  
Ladies' 4-button Kid Gloves, tans, new reds, browns, white, pearl, honey and black, \$1.25, equal to any \$1.50 Gloves sold elsewhere.  
Ladies' 4-button select Kid Gloves, tans, herring red, white, pearl, paper and black, \$1.50; equal to any \$1.75 Gloves sold elsewhere.  
Hand-made 4-button Suede Gloves, fine quality, black, tans and browns, \$1.25.

**Fine Sheets**

And Pillow Cases.

Loefer's extra Sheets, 3-inch hems and extra lengths—72x98, 50 cts.; 72x108 and 81x90, 60 cts.; 81x108 and 90x90, 65 cts.; 90x108, 70 cts.  
Loefer's Pillow Cases—42x36, 12½ cts., each; 45x36, 15 cts.; 50x38½, 19 cts.; 54x38½, 21 cts. A special lot of plain hemmed Pillow Cases, 8½ cts., instead of 10 and 12½ cts.  
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